

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on May 6, 2004 at the Aviators' Landing. This was the 189th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.
2. Member present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch , Co-Ch	CSM Charles E Frye, Co-Ch
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM William Jolley
COL Bob Bunting	SGM Terry Wilkins
COL James E Hyers	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
LTC James R. Mellish	MSGT Jean Woodruff (USAF)
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	SFC Joseph N. Barnes
	SSG Fred Spiker

MEMBERS ABSENT

COL Richard M. Johnson	CSM Andrew Rivers
COL Charles A. Block (USMC)	1SG Jackie D. Ray
Ms. Erika Johnson (Widow)	SFC Ralph Reed Unexcused

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Thomas W. Young, Garrison Commander
COL Jean Simmons USAAMC
Mr. Allen Billops, DPS
Ms. Lin Rogers, Commissary Officer
Mr. K. R. Carver, AG
Mr. Roy Watkins, AG
Ms. Pam Williams, MWR
Mr. Will Newman, RSO
Mr. Craig Middleton. PX
Ms. Lynn Lott, TRICARE

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by CSM Frye.
4. The minutes of the last meeting changed to read Colonel Bunting, excused absence.
5. Old Business – None
6. Committee Reports.

- a. Public Affairs – No report.
- b. Legislative Affairs – Colonel Hyer reported there were enough co-sponsors to pass the Survivor Benefit Plan to eliminate, over a five year span, the age 62 offset. The bill had not come to the Legislature for a vote prior to 6 May.
- c. Medical/Dental – No report
- d. Volunteer Program/ Bowling – No report
- e. Quality of Life – Ms Williams reported the following: CGs Golf Tournament, 7 May, at Lake Tholocco. Saturday, 8 May, is the Lake Fish/Cat Fish tournament with a \$10.00 entrance fee; Mothers Day Brunch is at the Aviator's Landing with seating at 10:00 and 12:00. Reservations are recommended but, walk-ins are welcome; The pool will open on 29 May 2004 and "Hot Dogs" will be for sale at the location.
- f. PX – Mr. Middleton reported on Mothers Day the first 100 mothers will get a free carnation along with a 10% off coupon for all purchases. There is an electronics sale, May 14 and 15. All merchandise prices ending in 7 will have an additional 25% discount. . A Pet Show is scheduled for May 29th.
- g. Golf Course - Colonel Heath reported the Gulf States Military Retirement Tournament is scheduled for 19 – 21 May. The Chrysler Corporation will be on hand 17 and 18 May to donate \$5.00 to the tournament for every test drive by an individual. Renovation to the ~~Green~~, "Blackhawk" ^{White} nine is ongoing and should be completed by June.
- h. Equestrian Center – Colonel Heath reported an Open Show 8 May 2004. Youth Summer Camps are scheduled June through August.
- i. Outdoor Recreation – CSM Frye reported the last meeting was devoted to hunting safety on Fort Rucker.
- j. Commissary -- Ms. Rogers reported a "Case Lot" Sale on 14 and 15 May with a truckload of Gaterade sale to follow on 20 May 2004. The commissary will be open on Tuesday, 1 June 2004.
- k. RAD – No report.

7. Advisors Comments

- a. Colonel Simmons reported that Colonel Gillingham was at a conference in California this week and his Change of Command ceremony will be held 30 June 2004. A new computer system will be on line at the hospital, effective 1 August 2004.

b. Ms. Lott stated the Mail Order Prescription service is changing from a regional system to a national system, effective 1 June 2004. The national system will allow a subscriber to make a change of address without having to get a new prescription for service.

c. Mr. Watkins reported that he has a full staff at the ID Card Section and the waiting time for ID Cards has almost been eliminated. Everyone was reminded that the section will be closed on 17 and 18 May 2004 for computer upgrades. There are plans to open an Office Directory Information Desk in the main lobby of the Soldier support Center to be staffed with volunteers.

d. Mr. Newman reported the Chief of Retirement Services will be the second speaker at the Retirement Appreciation Day.

e. Colonel Young congratulated Colonel Heath for being the Fort Rucker Volunteer of the Year. Lieutenant General Jones And Colonel Tindoll were invited to the opening day fishing at Lake Tholocco and Colonel Tindoll was in attendance. Colonel Young presented Mr. Newman with a coin for outstanding service at the ID Card Section.

f. Mr. Carver invited everyone to visit the Post Library and take advantage of the new items.

8. New Business – Co-Chairman Frye stated that action would be taken to drop SFC Reed from the Council due to lack of attendance at meeting

9. Co-Chairman's Comments –None.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1220 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Aviator's Landing Community Center on June 3, 2004 at 1130 AM.

Approved via email 15 May 04

WILLIAM E. CROUCH

Colonel, Retired

Co-Chairman

Approved via email 15 May 04

CHARLES E. FRYE

CSM, Retired

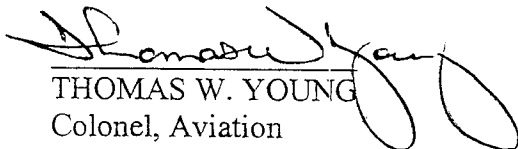
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